

Subject: Re: Yakima Valley
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I must have missed the discussion about the letter, so would be good for Reg 10 to take the first cut at it. Adding Ellen, whose name was spelled wrong. Not sure who Gillinski.Ellen@epa.gov is (if anyone)
Nancy K. Stoner

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From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 02/12/2013 06:28 AM EST
To: Dennis McLerran
Cc: "Gillinski Ellen" <Gillinski.Ellen@epa.gov>; Nancy Stoner; Cynthia Giles-AA; Steven Chester; Thomas Eaton; Marianne Holsman; Bill Dunbar
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Thanks Dennis. Good report. Thanks for making progress.

I did get a call from Sarah Bittleman at USDA yesterday expressing strong interest in moving ahead with the letter clarifying our intent as soon as possible. She would like to defuse industry concerns in advance of the announcement of settlements. So it would be highly desirable to start work on the draft. One option is to have the letter come from you to NRCS in Washington State rather USDA in DC. (The letter could also go to the Dairy Federations). Could you take the laboring oar on the draft in coordination with OW? Thanks.

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From: Dennis McLerran
Sent: 02/11/2013 10:57 PM MST
To: Bob Sussman
Cc: Gillinski.Ellen@epa.gov; Nancy Stoner; Cynthia Giles-AA; Steven Chester; Thomas Eaton; Marianne Holsman; Bill Dunbar
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Bob:

I had a very good call today with Washington State NRCS Director Roylene Rides-at-the-Door and two of her staff. We informed them of our current status with the dairies and discussed the inaccuracies being presented by the Dairy Federation. We also informed them of the additional data we have collected and about the content of our call with their Headquarters folks. We clarified for them that we are trying to reach an agreement with the dairies that will allow them to receive NRCS assistance. We also discussed rumors that we had heard indicating EPA was trying to "strong arm" them into withdrawing their comments. They said the Dairy Fed had contacted them to ask them if EPA was trying to pressure them and they said they had told Dairy Fed staff and others that we had only asked them to clarify some of their comments and they did not feel pressured by us. We told them we would keep them informed of our progress with the dairies and about when we would be releasing the new data.

We also have a draft one pager on the new data we will share with you and others at HQ for comments. Also, I want to clarify whether HQ is doing the first draft of a letter to Department of Agriculture clarifying that the Yakima Valley work is not part of a national initiative or whether you want the Region to take the first cut.

Dennis McLerran